

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Newport News Railway Bills Reported Favorable

OTHER LOCAL MEASURES

Act Amending Section 191 of the Charter
of This City Side-racked by
the House. Work of the

(Special to the Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 27.—The committee on roads and internal navigation last night had up for consideration the various bills introduced relative to the construction of new railroads in Newport News, Hampton, Old Point, and hamlets. All of them were ordered to be reported favorably.

It was well today introduced a bill to incorporate the "Improving Men's Bright Star Beneficial Association of Newport News, and county of Warwick." That is the name of the concern. The following are named as incorporators: Samuel W. Stokes, Emmett Powlkes, William Johnson, Charles Rowlett, George Monroe and Fred Brown. The object of the association is to collect money at \$1.50 per week and to bury the dead.

Mr. W. B. Pendleton, of Louisa, today presented a petition signed by fifty citizens of the county, asking for a caucus on the 25th instant, to take immediate action on measures looking to retrenchment and reform.

The bill to amend and re-enact section 101 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Newport News, in the county of Warwick, and to provide a charter therefor, approved January 10, 1906, was taken up.

The House bill to authorize and permit the Old Dominion Land Company to erect a wharf or pier and to construct a canal on and along the water front in the city of Newport News, Virginia, and to authorize the issue by it of negotiable notes or bonds, secured

by mortgage deed of trust, to pay for

Delegate Kizer introduced a bill to make it a misdemeanor for any person not a member of labor or fraternal or-

In the Senate today Mr. Withers offered a bill providing that at the general election to be held in Virginia for the election of representatives of Congress, there shall be submitted to the voters the question: "Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and

The Senate passed the House bill to make it unlawful for any lawyer, physician, surgeon, dentist, or another person engaged in a profession or calling, taxed by the laws of the State, who has his residence in the State, to practice his profession in any town, county or city of this commonwealth under a license-tax from any other State or the District of Columbia.

On the 7th of February, 1890, he called the following reply to Mr. Herman C. Niemeyer, secretary of the Board of Trade and Exchange of Portsmouth, N. H.:—

"SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge, containing resolutions as passed by your body, objecting to the 'boiler inspection bill,' now pending in the House of Representatives."

I desire to signify to the Board of Trade and Exchange through you, that I am the patron of the bill in question, and as I have never, during my brief public career, given my humble support to any measure which did not result in a benefit to the country, and the great majority of the people, and asserting that such is a fact, I see no reason now why I should change front, and move in an opposite direction.

The bill now before the House, and which bears my name, and which I would

will give protection of the proper kind to more than a million and a half people who reside within the borders of the State of Virginia, and who are crying aloud to the law making power of the State for legislation beneficial to them. I, of course, cannot see where the objections come, and I am sorry that the gentlemen who object to this bill becoming a law cannot see it in the same light as viewed by myself. If you want legislation of the proper kind here, you must get it, for when a million and a half of people are

zood thing against 4,000 people, who are effected from a small, very small financial standpoint, and who say it is a bad bill, then there is no question where I should, and with all due deference to you and your honorable association, I expect to be found on the side of the people.

You have only to look about you just a little for facts, to bear out an argument why a State should have a "bolter

local affairs in that direction will show great loss of life, and destruction of property, which would in all probabili-

Then this measure will place a net revenue in the State treasury of not less than \$15,000 annually, and any one knows that the larger the revenue the State derives from different sources, the less the general rate of taxation will be.

There are various other reasons why this bill should pass, but I have enumerated a sufficient number.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. T. BLAND.

The Senate committee on roads gave a brief consideration to the Withers railroad commission bills yesterday afternoon. There are three companion

measures. One of them creates a commission of three members, to be elected by the Legislature. The act gives the commission authority to make freight and passenger rates, to examine the books of officers of railroad companies, to order stations established wherever they are needed by the public, and to require separate cars to be furnished

Very broad powers are conferred upon the commission. Another bill constitutes the commissioners a board to appraise railroad property for taxation and the third makes the board a court of record.

ures, and further consideration was postponed until Tuesday, February 1st, at 4 P. M. It was distinctly understood that there should be no further postponement. Mr. Alexander Hamilton, of Petersburg, will be one of those who will speak against the bills.

The measure provides that all pawn

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